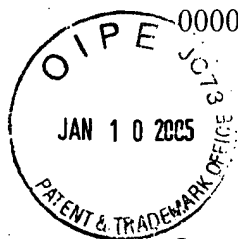


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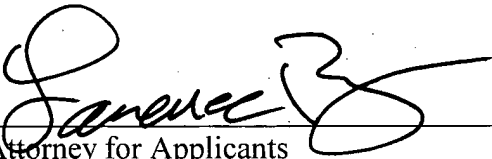
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Applicants already responded to the December 16, 2004 communication.

Accordingly, no further response is necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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